

HOUSE RESOLUTION 60
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor Cassandra Cardoza on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Cardoza, an esteemed resident of Oliver Springs and a Senior at Clinton High School, is one such young person, who has been named one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the Eighth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program that recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Cassandra was recognized as a 2003 Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Cardoza earned this prestigious award by giving generously of her time and energy to initiate a project called "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts"; this collection drive provided more than one hundred pairs of mittens and gloves to disadvantaged elementary school children; and

WHEREAS, as a Distinguished Finalist, Ms. Cardoza will be presented an engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her remarkable record of public service, Cassandra serves as President of both the Clinton High School National Honor Society and the United Nations Model Team; and

WHEREAS, a student of International Studies, she attended the Governor's School for International Studies and was elected to Girls Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra is the Editor of the Clinton High School newspaper, *Dragon's Breath*, and Co-Editor of the school's yearbook; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of proud parents, Cathleen and John Clifford; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Cardoza epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she has taken her rightful place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname, "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the prosperity of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Cassandra Cardoza who use their considerable talents and resources to serve their fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Cassandra Cardoza on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and

community spirit as one of the state's top student volunteers, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.